



Caregivers Meeting is February 1st

A Caregivers Meeting will be held on Friday, February 1st at the First National Bank (Friona Banking Center) community room. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. with featured speaker Jaime Sharp. Jaime is from the Area

Agency on Aging and "Convincing a senior to bathe (part 1)" will be the topic.

Bluebonnet Home Health and Hospice is the event sponsor and for more information you can call Rhonda at (806) 247-0057. Invite a friend and please share this information with others!

Nominations needed for 2019 Chamber Awards Banquet

The Friona Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is now accepting nominations for the 63rd Annual Chamber Awards Banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 5th at the Friona Community Center. If you know an outstanding person who deserves to be honored for their accomplishments, the Chamber would like to hear from you.

Nominations are available in the following categories: Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Citizen of the Year,

Employee of the Year, Educator of the Year, Girl Student of the Year, and Boy Student of the Year.

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 19th. Forms are available at the Chamber office at 621 Main Street or visit the website www.friona-chamber.com to register your nomination. Forms can be submitted by person, email, or fax. For more information, contact Heather or Chris at (806) 250-3491.

Saving Lives Never Gets Old



Mark Anthony - standard whole blood donation



Chief Isidro Jimenez - automated red cell donation

"Saving Lives Never Gets Old" was the theme of the Friona community blood drive last Thursday at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The drive conducted by Coffee Memorial Blood Center brought in a total of 58 donors with only 3 deferrals. A deferral means you are not able to give blood that day. Most deferrals are because of low iron or low/high blood pressure readings.

Of the 55 donors who were able to give blood, 11 were able to use the 2RBC machines. This automated red cell donation takes 30-35 minutes and allows donors to give two pints of red cells. This is especially helpful when there is a critical need for a certain blood type or if the donor is type O negative (universal donor), or O positive (most common blood type).

Also at the Friona blood drive, there were 5 first-time donors and 6 O negative donors. Coffee Memorial representative Misti Newsom thanked the community of Friona for coming together to have an outstanding blood drive. The next drive is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th.

Friona is one of the leading communities in the Texas Panhandle, regardless of population, in blood donations. The chart shows the number of units that have been donated during the past ten years. The total of 2,449 units donated equals 306.125 gallons of blood. Since each unit of blood donated can save up to 3 lives, somewhere around 7,347 lives have been saved by local citizens during the past decade. Saving lives is just a way of life in Friona.

Friona Blood Drives

Year	Amt. donated
2018	214 units
2017	275 units
2016	264 units
2015	273 units
2014	304 units
2013	190 units
2012	290 units
2011	212 units
2010	219 units
2009	208 units
Total	2449 units

Local Election Calendar

Friday, February 15th (before 5 p.m.)

Last day to file application for a place on the ballot for the May 4th Election

Friona City Council (3 positions)

FISD Board of Trustees (2 positions)

Parmer County Hospital Board (2 positions)

Groundhog Day is Feb. 2nd

Are we in for 6 more weeks of winter? Only a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil knows for sure. Each year on Groundhog Day, people flock to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to await the forecast of the local rodent celebrity. Originating with German settlers, who came to Pennsylvania in the 1700s and brought their seasonal superstitions with them, legend has it that if Phil sees his shadow on Feb. 2, the winter chill will continue. Oddly, if the weather is cloudy and he doesn't see his shadow, we can expect warmer temperatures and an early spring. Go to www.groundhog.org to learn more.

Save the Date

Hi-Pro Feeds the Future Annual Event
May 18, 2019
Country Rose
Summerfield, Texas



Texas motorists: Slow down or move over for stopped emergency vehicles

After a recent outbreak of fatality and injury incidents involving tow truck drivers and other first responders, Texas motorists are asked to slow down or move over for stopped emergency vehicles including tow trucks, police cars and fire trucks.

"Our tow truck licensees work hard every day to help people who are stranded on the side of the road. And, like everyone else, they are anxious to return home safely each night," said Brian E. Francis, executive director for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. "Please obey state law and slow down or move over when you see emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road."

In the past few months, at least three Texas tow truck drivers and a towing customer have been struck and killed while on the side of the road. That statistic doesn't include several Texas police officers who have been seriously injured when they were hit.

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the road.

"Please help us make sure

emergency personnel including tow truck operators are safe when they're trying to help people on our roadways. Slow down and move over. You can help prevent another tragedy just by taking the time to obey the law," Francis said.

New Chapel Dedication



The Hansard Family Funeral Home held a dedication ceremony last Sunday at the Ron Smiley Memorial Chapel. Dusty Hansard welcomed the crowd of family, friends, and visitors to the new facility which will allow the funeral home to offer a wide variety of options to the families it serves. In the photo at right, Dusty & Melodee Hansard and Ron's wife Melba showcase the painting of Ron that will be displayed in the new chapel.



Water Weekly

For the week of 01/28/19

Water conditions

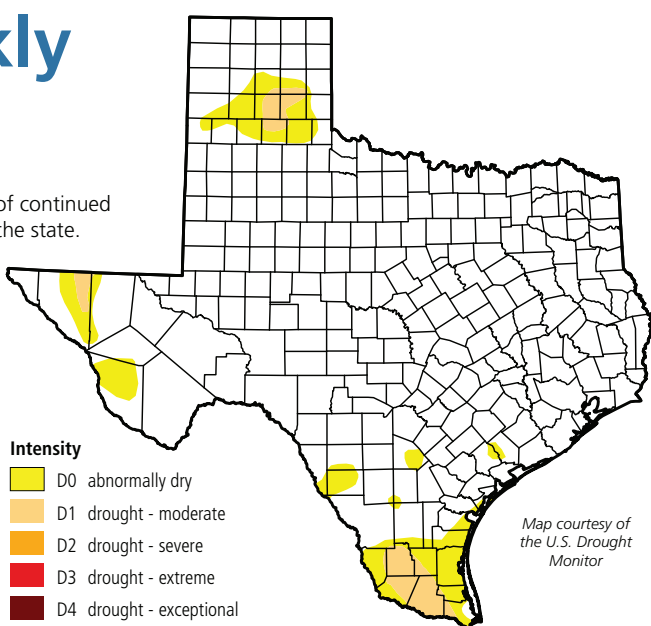
The latest drought map shows the impact of continued dry conditions across the southern part of the state. Abnormally dry and moderate drought conditions expanded in that part of the state. Overall, about 2.5 percent of the state is now in drought.

Drought conditions

- 2% now
- 2% a week ago
- 4% three months ago
- 50% a year ago

Intensity

- D0 abnormally dry
- D1 drought - moderate
- D2 drought - severe
- D3 drought - extreme
- D4 drought - exceptional



Map courtesy of the U.S. Drought Monitor

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WNW 10-15

Precipitation
January 0.13
Year 0.13

Burn Ban:
No

Community Calendar

Send Calendar information to:
frionastar@wtrt.net
 call (806) 250-2211 or fax (806) 250-5127

January 31

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Primary School Book Fair 7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

February 1

- Primary School Book Fair from 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Last day!
- Caregivers Coffee Break at First National Bank Community Room 9:30

February 2

- Harvey McFadden as Elvis Presley on February 2nd at 2:30 p.m. at Prairie Acres

February 3

- Grief Support Group meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 8

- Mighty Writers Rally starts at 2:00 p.m. at the Jr. High School Auditorium

February 9

- PMC free pre-natal classes 9-10 a.m.

February 10

- Grief Support Group meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 11

- FSA Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

February 14

- Valentines Day
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.

February 15

- “I Still Do” Valentines dinner at Friona Baptist Church from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

February 17

- Grief Support Group meeting starts at 7 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave. Friona Tx

February 21

- Friona Noon Lions Club meeting at noon at Headquarters
- Snack Pak 4 kids Friona United Methodist Church 4-4:30 p.m.
- Parmer County Area AA meeting at the Friona Methodist Church (north entrance) at 7 p.m.

TakeFive

A Friona Star Interview
 with Lee Davila • Friona City Manager

Friona Star: At what point during the past year did it sink in that you were the City Manager?

Lee Davila: That would have to be Day 2 (January 3, 2018) of the job. I came into work that morning and noticed water running down 7th Street between Euclid and Cleveland. Due to the extreme cold, we had a water line that busted and regardless of how many water mains we closed, we couldn't get the leak under control. For 6 hours, the water ran from 7th Street to Main Street and down Highway 60. Everyone was looking to me for direction. I've always had a boss to go to for guidance. However, I was the boss now and the one dispensing guidance. It was a surreal and scary feeling to know that so many people were depending on me to make critical decisions. That was the moment I realized I was the City Manager.

Star: What has been the biggest surprise about the job so far?

LD: I always felt that I was busy working in Austin. But since coming to Friona, I hit the ground running and haven't stopped since. I feel like I'm busier working in Friona than I ever was in Austin. This has been the biggest (and most pleasant) surprise for me. I've really tried to involve myself in the community as much as I can and help whenever needed. I've also tried to listen to the people in town when they come to me with an idea or project suggestion. I also like to visit with people in person when they have a concern that I can address. I think this personal interaction is unique to my leadership style.

Star: You look like you really enjoy going to work every day. What is your motivation?

LD: I was born in Friona. I spent my youth growing up in Friona. I graduated from Friona High School. Half of my life has been spent in Friona. I have a genuine love and sense of pride for this town. If you ask Holly Campbell, she'll tell you that I've been looking for a home in Friona for about 7 years. I've always wanted roots in Friona. I think I'll have that feeling for the rest of my life.

I also love the work I do. Public Service has been my life for the past 20+ years. I have had a colorful career that has had me processing narcotics, working with underserved minority communities, handling city-wide special events, testifying at the state capital, and working closely with an 11-member city council. I can't imagine doing anything else.

Doing the type of work I love, in the town I love, is what motivates me to come into work every day. I look like I enjoy my job because I honestly do. I also have a great team that takes care of me and makes coming into work a joy.

Star: What do you consider to be the biggest accomplishments of the past year and what is on the horizon for the City of Friona?

LD: I found a lot of pride in constructing and passing our budget for 2018-2019. I've been part of the budget adoption process in different capacities throughout my career. However, I've never been solely responsible for a city's entire budget. From interest and sinking, to tax rates, to capital funds to economic development; it was a great learning experience and my biggest accomplishment to date.

Another accomplishment includes helping Parmer Paws get off the ground. The group had everything they needed to get the organiza-



tion going. They just needed a little push in the right direction and some support. Animal services are hard for any city to support. But our city council and community have been great at supporting Parmer Paws' mission of rescuing dogs and cats throughout the county.

The work I did alongside the Cemetery Association was also a major accomplishment. We partnered to assure the cemetery was taken care of and established policies on how the cemetery would be maintained in the future.

I want to focus on housing development in the future alongside grant funding and a rental ordinance in the coming year. We are short in our housing inventory and need to focus on the development of new homes in Friona. We can't grow if we don't have homes for people. I also want to focus on grant funding to support city services. These grants could be in the form of technology grants to update our police equipment, a new fire truck, an EMS building renovation, trees for the cemetery, updates to the swimming pool and much more. With the help of the Friona Economic Development Corporation, I want to work on a plan to attract new businesses as well. Friona is strategically centered between so many major industries as well as a major highway. We can capitalize

on this to our advantage as we solicit more businesses. These are ambitious plans but I'm up for the challenge.

Star: The Texas Panhandle is the land of pioneers. You are a pioneer. What advice would you give to young people to help them to achieve their goals?

LD: I've never considered myself to be a pioneer. As the 20th City Manager of Friona, I knew the job wouldn't be easy. Leaving my family and friends in Austin was not something I was looking forward to either. However, I'm the kind of person that likes to do things that are unfamiliar and challenging. I do this because I know there are opportunities for growth. Achieving my goals has oftentimes required me to step outside of my comfort zone. And let's face it; it's not easy to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable. However, there is a lot of growth that can happen when you challenge yourself. Instead of running from the uncomfortable, I've learned to run towards it, embrace it, and grow. My advice to young people is to seize moments of growth regardless of any fears or apprehensions you might have. Become a leader, set an example and blaze your own trail. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."



TEXAS CROSSWORD
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- 5 where some TXns ski in Colorado
- 6 this Paul was in 1962 film "The Longest Day" with TX Steve Forrest
- 7 homemade soap substances
- 8 TX Dennis Quaid 1988 film
- 9 cowboys use hat to scoop
- 16 former brand for former Humble Oil
- 18 obtaining
- 21 TXism: "you stirred a hornet's nest"
- 22 actor Jack in 1963 film "4 for Texas"
- 23 TX treat: ___-B-Que
- 24 TXism: "___ a panhandle prairie"
- 30 TXism: "would jerk ___ a glass eye" (sad film)
- 34 Ma & ___ Ferguson
- 35 one of the first non Indians in TX: ___ de Vaca
- 36 a 23-across meat
- 37 smells strongly
- 39 Cowboys former arena (2 wds.)
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- 45 TX TV Tarzan, Ely (init.)
- 46 2010 "The Essential Dixie Chicks" label
- 47 Sea World mammal attraction

- 49 small headphones
- 52 pirate "yes" (var.)
- 53 Houston Zoo's "Worham World of ___mates"
- 54 French for "black"
- 55 Galveston pirate, Jean
- 58 speaking cadences
- 59 this Holliday saved Wyatt Earp's life in TX
- 60 father of TX Willie
- 61 reknown TX pianist, Cliburn

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- 1 TX birth town of Matthew McConaughy
- 2 home of West TX A&M University
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- 4 poetic expression of concern
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- 10 blood diagnostic measure
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- 25 a latissimus muscle, for short
- 26 TXism: "hot as ___ of mesquite coals"
- 27 Lone Star State spring event: "Tyler ___ Trail"
- 29 square dance term
- 31 band-___
- 32 stat. for Astro & Ranger hitters
- 33 "___ twice, cut once"
- 38 wear away
- 40 La ___ del Rey lake
- 41 TXism: "boring as a fishing ___ with a game warden"
- 42 TXism: "just because a chicken has wings don't ___ fly"
- 48 zero or none (var.)
- 50 decays
- 51 TXism: "chompin' at the ___"
- 56 TX Willie's 1990 "Farm ___"
- 57 ___ and fauna

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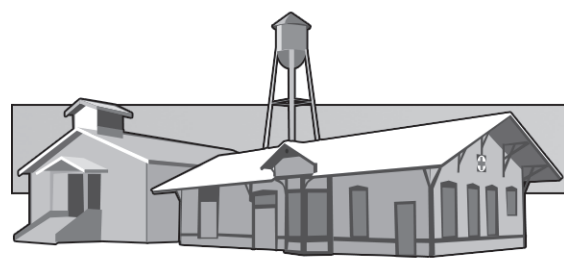
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75th Anniversary Year! The Kwahadi Dancers Present the 55th Annual Winter Night Shows! Tyuonyi A Journey Through Time on February 1, 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00 p.m. And a 3:00 pm matinee Sunday, February 10 at the Kwahadi Museum 9151 I-40 E, Amarillo, TX. Coverage for adults is \$9, seniors \$7, youth \$5. Reservations and Information: 806-355-3175 Bring the family to explore the museum and enjoy the performance!

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Bragging time will be here in the Valentine paper in February. Forms are available at the Star office. Valentines are only \$10 for pictures with 1-2 people and \$20 for pictures with three or more people. Deadline to turn in your Valentines pictures is Tuesday, February 12 at 5 p.m.

Pictures will be published in the Friona Star February 14 edition.

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The Annual Chamber Awards Banquet will be March 5th. The theme for this year's banquet will be 50's and 60's. They will be having a silent auction during the banquet. If you have an auction item that you would like to donate please call the chamber and they will pick up the item. The funds made from the auction helps the chamber sponsor the extra activities through out the year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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The Friona Chamber of Commerce is taking nominations for Man/Woman of the Year, Students of the Year, Employee of the Year, Educator of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Stop by the Chamber office to pick up a form to make your nominations or go to <http://www.frionachamber.com/> to download the forms.

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For the month of February, a once-a-week workshop on grief will be offered at the home of Mark and Deirdre Osborn. The event will take place every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at 903 Arrah Ave, Friona Tx. If you, a friend, or loved one has been struggling with a recent loss and desire to learn positive coping strategies to deal with grief then this workshop is one that will be worth attending. The workshop material will be presented from a generalist perspective and is faith-based. A small group setting will be utilized to enable an enhanced workshop learning experience. For more information, please call 806-265-5468 or email thecottoncart14@gmail.com

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Caregiver Meeting coming up on February 1st starting at 9:30 a.m. They will be offering coffee and donuts, then 10:00 a.m. meeting about Caregiver support/Convincing a senior to bathe. Guest Speaker will be Jaime Sharp from Area Agency on Aging. The meeting will take place at the First National Bank community room. For more in-

formation, call Rhonda at 247-0057.

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The National English Honor Society at Friona High School needs your help! They are collecting money to buy books for a school destroyed by Hurricane Michael last fall. Former FJHS teachers' assistant, Donna Mullins, works at this Panama City, Florida, school. Mrs. Mullins was instrumental in starting Friona's Special Olympics, which continues to be successful today. One of the biggest supporters of this program was Barbara Curry, an eighth grade English teacher who died of cancer while teaching in Friona. The local chapter of NEHS is named in her honor. They are working with an organization which will let Mrs. Mullins and the teachers at her school choose inexpensive, high quality used books. Shipping will be free if a certain amount is purchased. If you would like to help with this project, please send your donations to Friona High School, attention NEHS, or leave them in the collection box at the public library or at the school. The deadline is February 8th. Thanks for helping us with this literacy project.

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The annual Primary School Book Fair will be coming to an end on February 1st and will be open Thursday, January 31st from 7:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Friday, February 1st from 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a wide variety of books for all age groups. The proceeds from the book fair in the past have benefited the students and the campus. Some of the items purchased with the proceeds include; books for students, playground equipment, benches in the hallway, lending library, and shade trees. All major credit cards, cash and personal checks will be accepted. You can also order online at www.scholastic.com/fair. Primary Principal, Deirdre Osborn says, "This is one of our major fund raisers, so please come out and support our school as well as children's literacy. Our main goal is to place books in the hands of our children!"

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Good luck to the Squaws and Chieftains as they take; JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball @ Spearman, JH Basketball Girls District Tournament (7@RRHS, 8@BHS, 9@RRHS), JH Basketball vs Muleshoe B(Home) G(There), and JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs. Dimmitt.

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National Days; January 31, National Inspire Your Heart With Art Day, February 1 National Freedom Day (Freedom From Slavery) and National Texas Day, February 2 National Tater Tot Day, February 3, National Carrot Cake Day, February 4, National Hemp Day, National Thank a Mail Carrier Day, and National Homemade Soup Day, February 5, World Nutella Day, and February 6, National

Frozen Yogurt Day.

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NATIONAL TEXAS DAY "On February 1, National Texas Day recognizes the Lone Star State! The 28th state may not be the only state with a record of being a republic, but their dramatic revolution and fight for independence keep Texas history alive. From the dictatorship of Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna and the start of the Texas Revolution in 1835 to the Alamo in 1836, names like James Bowie, Davy Crockett, Sam Houston and Juan Seguin echo throughout the state. Many legends abound where Texas is concerned. According to the story, The Yellow Rose of Texas was a mulatto woman who distracted Santa Anna during the Battle of San Jacinto allowing victory for the republic. Many credit a woman by the name of Emily West, but historians find little to no evidence. A statue by Veryl Goodnight stands in Houston. During and after the Civil War, news traveled slowly. It took the arrival of Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, and his announcement with General Orders, Number 3 that the Civil War was over and all slaves were now freedmen, for life to change in Galveston, Texas. Whether it required the military to enforce the new federal

law or if news did truly travel slowly, June 19 became a celebration of culture and freedom called Juneteenth. Texas loves technology. Home to Johnson Space Center and more than one computer company that began as a startup, the Lone Star State wears its boots and lab coat at the same time. They've brought us the handheld calculator and 3-D printing as well as many medical advancements, and let's not forget, Dr. Pepper. Whether traveling to the Gulf Coast, staying close to the panhandle or wandering the Great Plains, there's plenty of Texas to see. Take in some history or explore the cities. Take a hike along the Palo Duro Canyon on the Red River or in Big Bend National Park."

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-texas-day-february-1/>

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Congratulation to the 1st place winners in CX Debate at Wayland Baptist Tournament, Drew Montana and Zeke Garcia and 2nd place Mariana Pina and Damian Rodriguez!!

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Gato's Express is now the only place you can get your inspection stickers in Friona. Gato's is located at 1021 Pierce Ave. You may contact them at 806-250-5371.



FRIONA FLASHBACKS

From the Friona Star Archives

February 11, 2016

About 20 people packed the city council chambers for Monday's regular council meeting. The attendance was due to two public hearings concerning street repaving on Virginia and rezoning to allow two new bays at the Kendrick Fast Stop Truck Wash. All council members were present as were city manager Patricia Phipps and city attorney Marcus Norris. The first public hearing was about the abandonment/closing of a portion of Virginia Street. Kendrick proposed to close about 140' feet of Virginia from Highway 60 south in order to repave it with cement. The repaving cost would be borne by Kendrick Oil. An issue that came up was concern that abandoning the portion of the street meant the city gave up ownership and that Kendrick would have the right to keep the street closed. Danny Kendrick explained that was not the intention of the repaving and the street would be reopened. Attorney Norris told council members that the term 'abandonment' meant the city would no longer have control of the repaved street. The council voted to revisit and restructure the ordinance agreement with Kendrick in order to maintain ownership of the city street. The second public hearing concerned a rezoning request on Maple Street to allow Kendrick to build two additional wash and lube bays with truck traffic exiting onto Maple, turning left to Highway 60. Home owners along Maple objected to the request, citing additional traffic and child safety issues. One homeowner told the council that four houses along Maple have a total of 17 children ages 8 and under and they were worried that they might be injured by the turning trucks. Kendrick replied the business has a 20-year safety record at the location. The additional two bays would

line up with the driveway of the Chico residence across Maple Street and create road surface and safety problems residents say. Other homeowners in the area expressed similar concerns for their properties. The two requested bays would be longer than the existing ones. Kendrick is working with the city to extend the bays to the west instead of toward Maple. This will require an easement into an existing alley. The council took no action on the zoning request, choosing to do more research into zoning requirements before making a decision. The matter will be rescheduled to a later meeting.

February 16, 2006

Gov. Rick Perry has issued the following statement recognizing efforts of The University of Texas System Board of Regents to improve graduation rates: "Today the University of Texas Board of Regents passed a resolution directing all institutional presidents to set policies to maximize their positive impact on graduation rates. This important step will provide greater accountability to the Board, as well as to students and families who are investing in the future of Texas by pursuing a higher education degree. "Texas institutions of higher education must not only increase graduation rates, but also provide continuous enrollment for students and ensure students receive degrees in a timely manner. Our colleges and universities play an essential role in ensuring Texas builds the workforce we need for tomorrow; the continued growth of the Texas economy depends upon our highly-skilled workforce. The Board's action today reflects this imperative. I strongly urge all Texas higher education institutions

to take similar steps to improve graduation rates and reduce the time it takes for students to complete their degrees."

February 2, 1996

Grand Opening celebration will take place on Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the newly-branded Allsup's/Fina Truck Center in Friona located at 1411 West Highway 60. An all new diesel island containing hi-flow diesel pumps has been installed with the capability of fueling three 18-wheeler and one pickup or car at the same time. New lighting, canopies, tanks and fast-flow pumps have also been installed, making filling up a much easier and quicker experience for customers. Festivities will kick off with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Friona Chamber of Commerce. Allsup's will be offering reduced prices on Fina gasoline during Grand Opening hours. Customers can register to win a Fina Mini-Ken worth 18-wheeler and flatbed trailer, an 18-wheeler radio control hauler and \$100 in free Fina gasoline. Allsup's will offer Grand Opening specials such as buy one, get one free Allsup's famous burritos, 32 oz. fountain drink and personal pizza for only \$1.99 and reduced prices on Fina motor oil. Free prizes will be given away while supplies last. In the beginning of Allsup's history, the seventh Allsup's store was located in Friona and the eighteenth store in Bovina. The chain has grown to 300 stores throughout New Mexico and West Texas. "Allsup's greatly appreciates the support these two communities have shown their stores and has welcomed the opportunity to cordially invite all citizens from Friona and Bovina to stop by the Friona store on February 3 to join the Grand Opening celebration," said a company spokesman.



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|---|--|
| Jan. 31
Blake Stowers
Ellie McEuen
Louise Walker
Skyler Harris
Lupe Taylor | Feb. 3
Tonya Lookingbill
Josh Barnett
Lezli St. Clair
Derek Alger |
| Feb. 1
Randy Geries
Don Spring, Sr.
Lorraine Jarecki
J'Mae Randolph
Garth McDonald
Diana Santellana
Molly (Carthel) Sue
Brenner Barnett
Debi Goodwin
Amber (Widner) White
Katherine Woodard | Feb. 4
Casey Carr
J.T. Heyden
Keeley Dunnam
Sherri Whitten |
| Feb. 2
John Fred White
Sonny Mays
Emily Silva | Feb. 5
Margret DeWit
Monica Bermea
Jena (Grimsley) Massie
Kevin Sifford
Otto Alexander |
| | Feb. 6
Leander Davila
Sandra Gonzalez
Robyn Rhoades
Jarrett Butler |

To have your birthdays listed in the newspaper, email them to frionastar@wtrt.net or call @806.250.2211

www.frionaonline.com

School Lunch Menu February 4-8

- February 4**
Breakfast: Cereal, Pancake Sausage Stick, Apple Juice, Pears, Milk
Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Fresh Tomatoes, Mashed Potato, Peaches, Milk
- February 5**
Breakfast: Cereal, Pancake Breakfast Sandwich, Orange Pineapple Juice, Apples, Milk
Lunch: Steak Fingers, Roll, Corn, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
- February 6**
Breakfast: Cereal, Grape Juice, Banana, Milk
Lunch: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli, French Oven Potato, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- February 7**
Breakfast: Cereal, Sausage Pizza, Orange Juice, Peaches, Milk
Lunch: Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Mix Veggy California, Snowball Salad, Milk
- February 8**
Breakfast: Cereal, Pop Tarts, Fruit Punch Juice, Apple Sauce, Milk
Lunch: Burrito, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrots, Fruit Salad, Milk

COURTHOUSE NOTES

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerk's Office from the week of January 10 through January 17, 2019.

Warranty deeds as reported by the County Clerks for the week of January 17 through January 24, 2019.
Ridgeview Holdings LLC- Patrick R. Carole, W/2 L1 B1 Ridgecrest Unit No 1 Farwell
Gary Scott Hicks and Tiffany Dyann Hicks- Rory D. Niehues and Joan J. Niehues, All S48 Blk H Kelly
Jacob Fehr and Margarita Fehr- Gierhert Krahn and Bernhard Krahn Fehr, 0.667 Ac Sw/4 S69 Blk H Kelly

Your chance to give...and you did!!!

Whenever you donate to a "good cause" you know your contribution will be used wisely and there is no need to worry about waste or abuse. However, it is always comforting to know how much was raised and how it was spent. A lot of people "benefit" much more by giving that they do by receiving so for them we have compiled the following results.

Project Christmas Card

The Parmer County Auxiliary asked for donations to help purchase a portable Electrocardiograph machine for the hospital. The machine is used to record electrical activity of the heart and the test is conducted by doctors to check for signs of heart disease. Connie Neelley reported that \$2,403.09 had been collected to help with the purchase. She would like to thank everyone who made a donation.

Empty Stocking Fund

Donations to this fund were used to provide clothing and accessories to local needy children. School officials were consulted to determine the recipients. Holly Campbell and Jyl Grimsley reported that 71 kids received new jeans, shirts, cologne, and other items. They also would like to thank everyone that contributed to the fund.

Christmas Gift Drive for Prairie Acres

The Friona Police Department held its first annual Christmas Gift Drive for Prairie Acres.

Sleepwear, blankets, gloves, shoes, and other clothing was given to each of the 39 residents during a Christmas party held in the dining hall at the facility. Chief Jimenez and his officers were overwhelmed by the generous response from the community and definitely plan to make it an annual event.

Adopt a Tree Canned Food Benefit

The Friona Chamber of Commerce held canned food benefit during Christmas in Park at the first part of December. Hi-Pro Feeds won the event with over 190 cans of food at their tree and a grand total of 225 cans of food were collected and taken to the Calvary Baptist Church food pantry for distribution.

Parmer County Treasurer's Report

REPORT OF Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of PARMER County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from October 01, to December 31, 2018 Inclusive:

JURY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$99,203.70
Amount Received Since Last Report.....2,517.95
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report1,828.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$99,893.65

GENERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018 . \$2,766,503.74
Amount Received Since Last Report.....1,091,869.88
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report1,004,396.34
12/31/18 Balance.....\$2,853,977.28

FARM TO MARKET FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018 . \$1,887,900.64
Amount Received Since Last Report.....164,115.41
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report322,705.85
12/31/18 Balance.....\$1,729,310.20

CONTINGENCY FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$136,622.84
Amount Received Since Last Report25,223.23
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$161,846.07

PARMER COUNTY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$30,381.91
Amount Received Since Last Report.....19.15
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$30,401.06

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$82,243.65
Amount Received Since Last Report.....6,755.06
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$88,998.71

REVENUE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$153,711.64
Amount Received Since Last Report.....44,210.78
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report46,938.49
12/31/18 Balance.....\$150,983.93

JUVENILE PROBATION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed June 30, 2018\$4,345.14
Amount Received Since Last Report.....2.74
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$4,347.88

COUNTY ATTORNEY - CHECK COLLECTION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$5,816.10
Amount Received Since Last Report.....222.28
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report2,243.22
12/31/18 Balance.....\$3,795.16

DISTRICT CHECK COLLECTION - 287TH FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$6,170.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....163.93
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$6,333.93

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$57,661.29
Amount Received Since Last Report.....35.78
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report4,762.56
12/31/18 Balance.....\$52,934.51

COUNTY ATTORNEY FORFEITURE FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$4,770.76
Amount Received Since Last Report.....3.01
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$4,773.77

INTEREST & SINKING FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$102,207.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....23,123.62
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report0.00
12/31/18 Balance.....\$125,330.62

LATERAL FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$0.00
Amount Received Since Last Report.....30,533.38
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report30,533.38
12/31/18 Balance.....\$0.00

PARMER COUNTY ATTORNEY PRETRIAL DIVERSION FUND

Balance Last Report, Filed September 30, 2018\$8,157.90
Amount Received Since Last Report.....3,067.84
Amount Paid Out Since Last Report599.87
12/31/18 Balance.....\$10,625.87

RECAPITULATION

Jury Fund.....\$99,893.65
General Fund2,853,977.28
Farm To Market Fund.....1,729,310.20
Contingency Fund.....161,846.07
Parmer County Forfeiture Fund30,401.06
Permanent Improvement Fund88,998.71
Revenue Fund150,983.93
Juvenile Probation Fund4,347.88
County Attorney - Check Collection Fund.....3,795.16
District Check Collection - 287th Fund6,333.93
District Attorney Forfeiture Fund.....52,934.51
County Attorney Forfeiture Fund4,773.77
Interest & Sinking Fund125,330.62
Lateral Fund.....0.00
Parmer County Attorney Pretrial Diversion10,625.87
TOTAL.....\$5,323,552.64

LIST OF BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES ON HAND

Certificate of Deposit
General Fund
Jury
Permanent Improvement
Investments
TOTAL

TREASURER'S REPORT PARMER COUNTY, TEXAS THE STATE OF TEXAS}

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Sharon A. May, County Treasurer of Parmer County, who by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

Sharon May

County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd Day of April, 2018.

Trey Ellis

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Psalm 111—Great is the Lord

Brett Hoyle, Pastor, First Baptist Church

Sometimes words just are not adequate. For example, the Grand Canyon is definitely grand, but is Grand really the grandest adjective to find to describe it? What about Outer Space? It definitely is the space outside our atmosphere, but there is such vastness, mystery and grandeur about it that one word, or even a group of words don't adequately describe it. The same is true of God. God's amazing greatness, pure holiness, and sublime glory are too much for words, yet the best thing available to describe Him is our meager words.

Psalm 111 is an acrostic poem that exalts the greatness and glory of God. God's greatness in this Psalm is expounded upon by focusing upon His works and attributes. God is great intrinsically, but also through His actions. In fact, this Psalm praises God because He provides, remembers, shows, gives, works, establishes, per-

forms and sends redemption to His people. God's works are so incredibly amazing because they flow out of who He is. Although the brunt of this poem focuses on the works of God, His attributes are referenced as well, because God's attributes drive His actions. God is gracious, therefore He acts in a giving manner far beyond anything we deserve. God is righteous, therefore He acts with equity and moral purity in His gifts and judgments. Who God is, informs what He does, but who God is, also informs how we are, at least it should. That is why the first and final verses are calls to action. In verse one we are called to praise God, then at the end we are called to fear God, which is the beginning of wisdom. Wisdom begins with fearing God, then leads to the cross of Jesus Christ, who is God's gracious Savior, able to save you from your sins and the judgment of God we deserve.

Have Hope

By Teena Hughs

The world truly seems upside down and chaotic. Last week the state of New York passed a bill making all abortion, even full-term babies, legal. I read where two states want to follow suit. People don't want to compromise on issues; it's "their way or the highway!" all too often, the side that favors God is mocked and ridiculed. It feels like the media is judge, jury, moral compass, and in charge of what we should think and how we should act. People who don't get their way do whatever is necessary to get their way, because it is a ME-first world. It sometimes feels like there is no need for people who fear God, work hard, or hold honestly and integrity in high esteem. Sometimes it seems like so many people don't fear God; they have no respect for Him; nor do they have any desire for Him to be presented anywhere.

At times, I wonder if there is any hope for our nation! I don't have to wonder, because God is God, and according to Romans 15:13, He is our source of hope. What I may think is

hopeless is always possible, because "with God everything is possible" (Matthew 19:26). God does not want us to live our lives without hope, He wants us to follow the words of Romans 12:12 and "Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying." Even when I don't see a way out of the messes our country is in, I know God is in control, and I know He does see a way. He gives us glimpses of hope, and we must look for that hope.

The governor of Iowa signed a bill limiting abortion in her state. Young men from a Catholic high school stood up to people interfering with their right to march for the rights of the unborn, and a media that tried to crucify them. Here in Friona, I saw hope when 60 people showed up at last week's blood drive. To be honest, I didn't think we would ever see those kinds of numbers again! There is ALWAYS hope!!! Just remember to live the words of Romans 12:12, and not only will we have hope; we will see God at work.

~OBITUARY~

Erith Hawkins

Erith Hawkins, 81 of Bovina, longtime Parmer County resident, passed away January 25, 2019 at his residence. Celebration of Life Memorial Services were at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday January 29, 2019 at the Bovina United Methodist Church in Bovina with Rev. Larry Mitchell, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements by HANSARD FAMILY Funeral Home of Friona.

Erith was born January 11, 1938 in Hereford to Roy S and Ruth Z. Norton Hawkins. He later married Lavoia Mae Newbrough, December 23, 1966.

Erith served in the United States Army stationed in Germany. He was and area farmer, rancher, cattleman and truck driver. He loved rodeos and was a past President of Bovina Roping Club. Erith loved sports, especially the Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys and University of Texas. Erith was known for his honesty and sense of humor. He was a member of the Bovina United Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, 2 brothers, Charles Hawkins and Harold Hawkins.



Those to carry on his legacy include 3 sons-Arby Hawkins and Leighanne Malmin of Puyallup, Washington, Daryl Hawkins and Theana Davis of Clovis, and Chet Hawkins and wife Trish of Tulia, 1 brother-Gene Hawkins and wife Louise of Lubbock, 1 sister-Roylene Keel and husband Herman of Amarillo, 5 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the online register book at www.hansardfamily.com



Panhandle Parables

Red Rover

By Jeff Procter, Minister, 6th Street Church of Christ

As a kid you play lots of different games. One game we played at school of which I was not a big fan was Red Rover. You may recall the object of the game is to form two lines facing each other at some distance, call out using the familiar "Red Rover, Red Rover, let (name of victim) come over." Then the "victim" would run at top speed and attempt to brake through the opposing team's barrier made by each of them holding hands. You may also recall from other stories that I was one of the smallest kids in my class, which usually meant when my name was called, I had a difficult time breaking through their weakest link as I perceived it. Now I was on the enemy's team. Until I was called again and again failed to break the barrier and rejoin my previous team.

Breaking through barriers in life at times seems very similar. There always seems to be something that needs to be overcome, busted through or conquered. The barriers come in all shapes and sizes. Some of

them seem insurmountable, while others take little effort. The crazy thing is it is different for everyone, just like the game. What one overcomes easily another struggles to even breach. There is one constant that can be relied upon and that is God. Overcoming a particular struggle requires faith, effort and in most cases persistence.

James opens his letter actually telling us to "Consider it pure joy when you face trials of various kinds..." If you stop there that might be a bit crazy, but he goes on to explain that in the end we grow and that growth process is valuable to us becoming complete, "lacking nothing." As you read this, I do not know the barriers, trials or struggles you may be going through, but I can offer a simple encouragement, don't quit. It may take a while and, in some cases, a long while, but if you face this with faith and keep going God will sustain you. So, when the barrier calls you out, launch into it with all your strength. Never give up.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing to thank Friona residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Because of the generosity of donors in Friona and across the United States, Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collected more than 8.8 million shoeboxes in 2018. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2018, the ministry is now sending more than 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease and famine.

These simple gifts bring smiles to the faces of children around the world. Packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, these gifts bring joy and are a tangible expression of God's love. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

It's not too late for people to make a difference. Though drop-off locations serving Friona shoebox packers are closed until November 2019, anyone can still pack a personalized shoebox gift online at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. Information about year-round volunteer opportunities can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/volunteerwithOCC.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this global project—many who do so year after year. These simple gifts send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Dana Williams,
Operation Christmas Child



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SPORTS PAGE

Basketball Scoreboard

Varsity Girls Friona 27, Tulia 38
 Varsity Boys Friona 30, Tulia 80

Next week:

Feb. 1 Friona @ Spearman
 Feb. 5 Friona vs. Dimmitt (Senior Night)



Friona School Calendar for February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 --JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball @ Spearman	2 -JH Girls Basketball District Tournament @ Bushland
3	4 -JH Basketball vs. Muleshoe B(H) G(T) -5:00 -Baseball Scrimmage vs. Hale Center (H) 4:30p.m.	5 --JVB/JVG/VG/VB Basketball vs Dimmitt -5:00 -Basketball Senior Night	6 -District CX Debate In Friona -Fort Worth Stock Show	7 -Fort Worth Stock Show	8 -JVB/VB Basketball @ Bushland -Mighty Writers Rally @ 2:00p.m.	9 -JH Boys Basketball District Tournament -Chieftain Powerlifting Championships -8:00a.m. -Baseball Scrimmage @ Littlefield 12:00p.m.
10	11 -JH Boys Basketball @ Dimmitt -5:00 -School Board Meeting @ 7:00	12 -JVB.VB Basketball vs. Muleshoe -Baseball Scrimmage @ Lockney 4:00p.m.	13 -San Angelo Stock Show	14 -San Angelo Stock Show -Borger Powerlifting Invitational 8:00a.m.	15 -No School -Parent/Teacher Conferences	16
17 -San Antonio Stock Show	18 -No School --San Antonio Stock Show -Baseball @ Hale center 5:00p.m.	19 -JH Spring Open House	20 -San Antonio Stock Show	21 -San Antonio Stock Show -Baseball Tournament @ Lubbock Roosevelt	22 -Baseball Tournament @ Lubbock Roosevelt	23 -Baseball Tournament @ Lubbock Roosevelt
24 -UIL Solo and Ensemble @ Canyon	25	26 -Baseball vs. Springlake Earth (H) 5:00p.m.	27	28 -1 st Grade Music Program 2:00p.m. & 5:30p.m. -Jr High Track Meet @ Vega -Tulia Baseball Tournament	-Tulia Baseball Tournament	



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PG
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USDA Farm Service Agency Announces Program Deadline Extensions

USDA's Farm Service Agency extended deadlines on many of its programs because of the government shutdown and the emergency nature of many of the programs. Below are updated deadlines:
*** For details on all program deadlines and extensions, view FSA National Notice CM-807.

- Farm Programs**
- Market Facilitation Program
 - o Deadline to apply extended to Feb. 14, 2019
 - Marketing Assistance Loans
 - o If loan matured in December 2018, settlement date extended to Feb. 14, 2019
 - o Peanut loans or Loan Deficiency Payments - loan availability date now Feb. 28, 2019
 - Emergency Conservation Program
 - o Performance reporting due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Livestock Forage Disaster
 - o 2018 application for payment due Feb. 28, 2019
 - Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program
 - o Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Livestock Indemnity Program
 - o Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
 - o Submitting 2019 application for coverage due Feb. 14, 2019
 - o Notice of loss for 72-hour harvest and grazing (as applicable) due Feb. 14, 2019
 - o Notice of loss for prevented planting and failed acres due Feb. 14, 2019
 - o Applications for payment for 2018 covered losses due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Tree Assistance Program
 - o Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Acres Reporting for Honey
 - o January reporting deadlines extended to Feb. 14, 2019

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Notice to Parents, Grandparents, Husbands, Wives and Sweethearts

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Deadline for photos is 5 p.m. Tue. Feb 12.
Cost per photo:
1-2 people \$10
3 or more \$20

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For more information call 250-2211 or email frionastar@wtrt.net
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Mon-Wed 10am to 5pm

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Frona Junior High School All A Honor Roll Third Six Weeks Grades - - 2018-2019

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Frona Junior High School A/B Honor Roll Third Six Weeks Grades -- 2018-2019

6th Grade: Lillianna Abarca Carlos Alvarez Reyna Arias Edwin Castaneda Munoz Isaac Clark Erik Estrada Odalis Faudoa Benavente Nevaeh Galan Celso Guevara Angela Lerma Veissy Lozoya Teara Marquez Vanessa Martinez Edwin Melero-Chairez Aylin Mendez Sydney Parker Nicole Ramirez Gonzales Desiree Raymond Audree Reyes Nariah Rocha Leslie Rodriguez Damian Sanchez Aubrey Schueler Rosalia Silva Alexis Soto Frida-Erandi Soto Bryer Stanberry Arturo Tafolla Camacho	7th Grade: Jose Alvidrez Michael Bautista Jacee Burney Estefany Cecena Carrillo Reagan Daniels Adynaih Dominguez Alexis Escobedo Mercedes Espinoza Yeslie Faudoa Andrew Flores Jonathan Gonzalez Joshua Gonzalez Natasha Gonzalez Martha Gutierrez Huicoza Genesis Hernandez Leah Hernandez Charles Herring Anna London Saraya Luna Alonso Macias Martinez Eleanor Mceuen Isaac Olmos Francisco Perez Castro Aaron Rodriguez Alezandra Rodriguez Junior Sanchez Naara Saucedo Ivory Shelby Reese Stowers Isasac Tafoya Abisai Torres Melody Upton	8th Grade: Stef Ally Elaney Arzate April Avila Mario Bautista Osvaldo Centeno Cheyenne Correa Josiah Dominguez Gael Garcia Jesus Godoy Ramos Aureliano Gonzalez Heston Grimsley Nicole Guerra Anthony Guerrero Fernando Ixparpuac Prisilla Jaramillo-Robles Kaden Jeter Eduardo Jimenez Diego Lorenzo Silva Angel Macias Martinez Kimberly Martinez Kenneth Morales Giovanny Ponce Gonzalez Hiromy Quiroz Kamryn Riethmayer Breanna Rivera Victoria Rojas Salinas Emma Schueler Jesus Tino Lizbeth Toledo
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Texas Weekly Fuel Update and Outlook

Gasoline prices in Texas have risen 3.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.98/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 13,114 stations in Texas. This compares with the national average that is unchanged versus last week to \$2.25/g, according to GasBuddy.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices yesterday were 35.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 2.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has dropped 2.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 31.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

"The national average saw limited upward movement in the last week, while the lowest price stations overall were the locations that saw prices tick higher. The percent of gas stations in the U.S. selling under \$2 per gallon fell from 37% to 27% over the last week as oil prices hold above \$53 per barrel. We're also starting to see early refineries begin

seasonal maintenance, which may aid prices moving higher in the weeks ahead," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "Part of where gas prices go from here and how quickly depends on whether or not politicians can make a long-term budget agreement. Another prolonged shutdown will hurt the economy and likely keep gas prices more muted. In addition, watch for any progress of a broad trade deal with China. Even the sub-zero temperatures upcoming in many areas could play a role in gasoline prices, diesel prices and heating oil: it may keep Americans at home, using more heavy oils to heat their home."

GasBuddy is available on all mobile platforms. The app and website have the most accurate and real-time fuel prices at over 140,000 unique stations in the United States, and is the most comprehensive money-saving companion while on the road. For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Mayor and elected representatives of the City of Frona for the sealcoating of approximately 31,510 square yards of single course penetration of streets and driveways entitled:

SEALCOAT – 2019

will be received at the office of the City Manager of Frona at City Hall, 623 Main Street, Frona, Texas, 79035 until:

11:00 A.M.
February 14, 2019

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owners in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owners and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the City Manager, City of Frona, 623 Main Street, Frona, Texas 79035, phone (806) 250-2761, and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owners reserve the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 60 days from the bid opening date.

CITY OF FRIONA

Small Town Cookin' By Jeri Lynn White

Tri-Tip

It's not too often that Texans would admit that anything good could come out of California, but the tri-tip roast is one exception. The tri-tip is located in the hindquarter of the beef where we also find the short loin, sirloin, tenderloin, beef flank, and the beef round. The tri-tip is so named because it is in the shape of a triangle and is found at the bottom tip of the sirloin. For many years this cut was turned into hamburger meat because there is only one tri-tip on each side of beef. Butchers did not think this was a profitable cut, so they threw it in with the other waste pieces. However, chefs and butchers in California have been preparing tri-tip since the 1950's. Because of its leanness, relatively low

cost, and its flavor, the tri-tip has recently been gaining popularity throughout the United States. Bill first tasted tri-tip on a trip to California, but you may have tasted it here in Frona because the Pope Boys have been preparing it for their catering business for several years now.

The tri-tip is a lean cut of meat, so it is important not to overcook it. You will probably want to use a meat thermometer. Just this weekend, Bill got his hands on several tri-tip roasts. He smoked and reverse seared two of them and then prepared another two of them as traditional Sunday roasts for lunch. I have also included another recipe I found online that offers a slightly different flavor profile.

Simple Grilled Tri-Tip Steak

By Derrick Riches
www.thespruceeats.com

Ingredients

3 pounds beef tri-tip steaks	2 cloves garlic (minced)
1/4 cup white vinegar	1 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup vegetable oil	Pinch salt
1/4 cup soy sauce	

Gather the ingredients. Combine marinade ingredients in a small bowl. Mix well and pour into a resealable bag. Add tri-tip, and make sure it is well coated. Using tongs, carefully turn steak over a few times in marinade. Seal bag, and let steak marinate for 2

to 6 hours. Preheat grill for high heat. Remove steaks from marinade and discard it. Place steaks on a hot grill. Cook for 12 to 15 minutes, turning a few times during the cooking process to get an even sear. Remove steaks once they have reached the de-

sired temperature. Rest steaks for 5 to 10 minutes. Make sure to tent with aluminum foil if the rest time is longer than 5 minutes or you are waiting for other items to come off the grill. Slice tri-tips against the grain in thin pieces and serve with your favorite sides.

Smoked Tri-Tip Roast

By Bill White

Ingredients

2-4 lbs. tri-tip roast	Kosher salt
Garlic Chili Pepper Traeger Rub*	Black pepper

Apply a generous amount of Kosher salt all over the roast. Then cover lightly with black pepper. Finally cover with the Traeger Rub. Cover in plastic and let this dry rub marinate on the meat for about one hour. Then smoke the roast on low temp smoke for

about 2 ½ hours. The internal temperature will be around 108o – 110o F after the smoke. Preheat your grill to around 400o – 450o F or blazing hot. Then pull your meat from the smoker and place it on the grill. Grill about 4 minutes per side. The internal

temperature will now be around 130o F. Then remove to a platter and cover with foil so the meat can finish cooking and rest. Slice the meat against the grain to serve with your favorite sides.

the Traeger Rub can be purchased at Parmer County Implement

Villarreal appointed Veterans County Service Officer

Richard Villarreal was appointed by the Parmer County Commissioners as the Veterans County Service Officer on January 14, 2019. Richard is retired SFC U.S. Army 25 years. He is married to Elida Villarreal and they have two sons, Patrick and Rick. He is currently employed at Bovina ISD and has been the Director of Transportation and Maintenance for the past 9 years.



As the Veterans County

Service Officer, Richard is ready to advocate for and provide service to Parmer County veterans in the areas of Claims Representation and Counseling, Veteran Employment Services, and Veteran Education Services. If you have any questions and need assistance in military benefits, please don't hesitate to call him at H: 806-251-1280; C: 806-433-3527 or contact him via e-mail: richardvillarreal@yahoo.com

County Commissioners purchase Motor Grader for Precinct 4

The Parmer County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom of the Parmer County Courthouse in Farwell, Texas. The meeting began with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.

An update on the watershed structures in Parmer County was presented by Bill Taylor, NRCS District Conservationist. The two structures are the dams outside of Bovina and Lazbuddie. The two dams are reviewed annually and inspected by engineers every 5 years. Bill said that both structures were in good shape. The dams are located on the Running Water Draw and help control flooding around the Plainview area.

Kathy Davenport gave a presentation on the possible health insurance benefits available through the Texas Association of Counties. She discussed various wellness programs that were available and the importance of preventative actions.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Approval was given for payment of the accounts payables as presented by County Treasurer Sharon May. The Commissioners also reviewed the Treasurer's Report and approved the calculated payroll and disbursement for all county employees and elected officials. The Treasurer's Quarterly Report

was also approved.

Next, the Commissioners discussed a possible burn ban for Parmer County. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The Court then discussed and approved the purchase of a Motor Grader for use in Precinct 4. The approval had been tabled until the induction of Casey Russell as commissioner for that precinct. The grader was purchased from Warren Cat of Lubbock, Texas for the price of \$111,400.00 which included a trade-in. The transaction was made through BuyBoard which is a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative that helps school districts, cities, counties, and other governmental entities with procurements.

Sheriff Randy Gerles reported that he was currently housing 38 inmates at the Parmer County Law Enforcement Center and that 22 of those inmates were from Castro County.

The next scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting is at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11th.

All meetings are open to the public. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to go into Executive session at any time. Go to parmercounty.org to find meeting agendas. Information in this article is only a summary. Any questions concerning specific actions should be directed to the Court.

Heritage Society holds annual meeting

The Community Heritage Society of Friona met this week on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at noon at the Depot in the city park. The Community Heritage Society focuses on the upkeep and use of the Friona depot. Those attending were Bill White, president, Jeri Lynn White, secretary, and board

members Donita Martin and John Fred White. Other visitors to the meeting included Lee Davila, Chris Alexander, and Clint Mears. The board members that were unable to attend included Sarah Gerles, Dean Eichenauer, Donna Baker, and Mickey Griffin.

After approving the minutes,

the board discussed to events held at the Depot over the last year which included Christmas in the Park, the Cheeseburger Festival, the Miss Friona luncheon, and a couple of visits by Kel Seliger. Chris Alexander reminded the board that the EDC approved funding for repairs to the Depot. Lee Davila explained that the city was also helping with the repairs. He hopes to have them completed in time for the Cheeseburger festival this summer. If anyone is interested in paying dues to join the nonprofit, individual dues are \$10.00 and family dues are \$20.00. To pay your dues, make checks payable to Community Heritage Society and mail them to PO Box 926, Friona, TX 79035.



Bill White, Donita Martin, Jeri Lynn White

Xcel Energy offers tips on staying warm, saving money

AMARILLO, Texas (Jan. 10, 2019) - Xcel Energy is offering energy-saving tips to help customers reduce energy use, save money and stay comfortable when the outside temperatures drop.

"Electricity use typically increases during cold weather as customers turn up the heat to stay warm, which can lead to an unwelcome spike in monthly bills," said Brad Baldrige, director of Customer and Community Relations. "Just being mindful of this, and taking some simple steps to use electricity more efficiently, can help our customers stay within their budgets this winter."

Xcel Energy offers information on saving energy and money the year around at www.xcelenergy.com. Some of the easiest tips for the winter months are:

- Installing a smart thermostat, which saves on energy costs by adjusting the temperature when customers are asleep or away from home. Proper use of a smart thermostat can cut energy bills

by almost \$180 per year.

- Keeping the thermostat at a moderate setting and wearing warm clothing inside can shave one percent off the total heating bill for every degree the thermostat is set back.

- Replacing or cleaning air filters on heating units every three months helps the heating system work more efficiently, which saves on monthly bills.

- Keeping interior doors open to help air circulate heat more freely helps maintain constant heat and cooling levels.

- Running a ceiling fan in a clockwise direction to push warm air down from the ceiling adds comfort and savings. ENERGY STAR® rated ceiling fans offer the best efficiency ratings.

- Turning down the thermostat when the fireplace is in use prevents the fireplace from drawing heat out of the room. Keeping the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use will also prevent heat loss.

Students Need Help



The National English Honor Society at Friona High School needs your help! We are collecting money to buy books for a school destroyed by Hurricane Michael last fall. Former FJHS teachers' assistant, Donna Mullins, works at this Panama City, Florida, school. Mrs. Mullins was instrumental in starting Friona's Special Olympics, which continues to be successful today. One of the biggest supporters of this program was Barbara Curry, an eighth grade English teacher who died of cancer while teaching in Friona. The local chapter of NEHS is named in her honor.

We are working with an organization which will

let Mrs. Mullins and the teachers at her school choose inexpensive, high quality used books. Shipping will be free if a certain amount is purchased. If you would like to help with this project, please send

your donations to Friona High School, attention NEHS, or leave them in the collection box at the public library or at the school. The deadline is February 8th. Thanks for helping us with this literacy project.



Notice of Public Meeting To Discuss Friona ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating

Friona ISD will be discussing our rating on the state's financial accountability system at the next Board Meeting. That meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building.

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Keep Friona Clean

Roll-off box to open up for waste items

The City will open up the roll-off box this Saturday, February 2nd from 8am - 12:00 pm (noon). Please come by to dump those items that don't belong in your dumpster and do your part to help Keep Friona Clean!

The roll-off box is located at East 8th and South Jackson Ave.



It is a free service provided to Friona residents. Examples of items not allowed in dumpsters includes: steel and metal, mat-

resses and furniture, refrigerators/AC units, paint cans (with or without liquids), electronics and appliances, drums/barrels, brick, wood and concrete, railroad ties. Items not accepted in the roll-off box are tires, oil and tree limbs. To dispose of these items, please contact the City Office at 806-250-2761.

"I Still Do" Valentine Date Night

You and your spouse are invited to a romantic Valentine's Date Night. Cost per couple is \$30, and covers a delicious meal at a table for two, great entertainment, a photo of you and your spouse, on-site childcare, and biblical encouragement for your marriage. This is open to married couples of any age, but get your ticket soon, as space is limited. Tickets available from the FBC Church office, 806-250-3933 or from Ivy Cottage.

fbcfriona.com

6pm-8pm, Friday, Feb 15 @ First Baptist Church Friona

Between Rock and a Hard Place

WTAMU offers a 'School of Rock' class for budding rock musicians

By Jon Mark Beilue

So will Randy Ray, West Texas A&M University's director of broadcast engineering and associate lecturer in mass communications, see himself each Tuesday night as a bit of a Jack Black, the actor who stumbled into teaching young musicians in the hit comedy movie, "School of Rock"?

"I hope not," he said. "I hope I'm not that obnoxious."

But Ray is teaching a course this semester through the Extended Studies program that certainly will have its own beat - a rock and roll beat, at that. Beginning on Tuesday

nights from Jan. 29 through March 5, RayRandy Ray will teach a class loosely titled, with a nod to Jack Black, "School of Rock."

It's the ABCs for those who, if not wanting to be the next Paul McCartney, Mick Jagger or Don Henley, at least want to begin performing live with a group and look good doing it.

"If you've ever dreamed of being in a rock band, I will show you all the different things that entails," Ray said. "A lot of people don't realize what all goes into a band. I hear young people say, 'Yeah,

we're forming a band.'

"And I think, 'Well, good luck,' because there's a lot of work going into it, things that people don't think about."

Last year, Andrea Porter, WT's director of Extended Studies, reached out to Ray to see if he wanted to teach a course through the department. He was asked if he wanted to repeat a popular class he taught on two British icons - The Beatles and Christian author C.S. Lewis.

Ray said he'd like to let a little more time go by before teaching that again. Porter called again this year with the same request.

"So I just threw it out there - how about 'School of Rock,' and explained my ideas," Ray said. "I was in the business for 15 years. I didn't know if they'd go for it, but they liked it."

As of last week, Ray was still working on the curriculum, but it will be a combination of meshing on-stage music with off-stage issues.

"We'll talk about the importance of working with other musicians and how that can be challenging," he said, "and the importance of the bass player, the key board player, the drummer, and the importance of the front man, the lead singer."

They will discuss stage

presence, spend time in a recording studio to look at equipment, the logistics of moving equipment and the cost of equipment.

"There's just a lot of things that go into forming a band and performing that people don't think about," Ray said.

No one on campus knows that better than Ray, who spent 15 years in Nashville before returning to WT in 2002 to begin teaching.

Ray got his degree from WT in 1984 in radio and TV. He was part of Power and Light, the first rock band to play in Mary Moody Northern Hall in 1983, and he jokes might be the last one.

It wasn't long before Ray, who grew up in his native Pampa playing bass guitar in various bands, got the music itch enough to move to Nashville.

He was initially an audio/visual engineer with some of the biggest names in music. Ray would later connect with two Amarillo friends, and the three with one other, formed the Christian rock band Legend Seven.

They earned a coveted record label, would twice tour Europe, cut two CDs and had several top Christian singles before breaking up in 1994.

After that, Ray remained in Nashville where he managed



Sunset Studios, at the time the largest sound stage and recording studio in the South. Ray worked with Lynard Skynard, Garth Brooks, Peter Frampton and Neil Diamond, among others.

In 2000, he began teaching at nearby Middle Tennessee State while pursuing his master's degree. Two years later, he had an offer to come to WT as an instructor/engineer in the communications department. He, wife Anita, and children Rachel and Luke came to Canyon.

"I knew if we were going to get back to the Panhandle and be around family, this might be the only opportunity to do that," Ray said, "and it was one of the smartest decisions I ever made."

So what Ray offers in this course is real-world experience, which students love. He's not teaching theory, but what was sometimes the practical school of hard knocks for him.

"Oh, absolutely, that not only applies to this course, but every course I teach at WT," he said. "That's one of the things I love about my job is to tell real-world experiences and be able to share what it is like in the media industry, in film, music and publishing. Those experiences make me a better teacher."

The music industry, just about like any industry, is changing quickly. What may have been true for the longest

time - groups needed a record label to get noticed - may not be true any longer, but now there are different obstacles.

But what Ray wants "School of Rock" students to realize is like anything worth attaining, getting there is hard work.

"They need to know how time-consuming it is," he said. "I've said this before - and it's true - with any person who wants to be in any kind of entertainment, you literally have to be obsessed about it. You have to pour your heart into it."

"It takes a lot of time to get to the point where you are good enough to perform in front of an audience. You think about the two hours on stage, but how many hours of practice went into that, how many hours of travel, buying equipment that people don't notice. The tip of the iceberg is the actual performance."

In a crash course over six weeks, Ray will show his "School of Rock" students as much of the rock and roll iceberg as he can. In the time allotted, as the Eagles still sing, the class will "Take It To The Limit."

Do you know of a student, faculty member, project, an alumnus or any other story idea for "WT: The Heart and Soul of the Texas Panhandle?" If so, email Jon Mark Beilue at jbeilue@wtamu.edu.

To see more Jon Mark Beilue columns, visit wtamu.edu/beilue.

Just a reminder!

Caregiver Meeting coming up!

FEBRUARY 1st

9:30 coffee and donuts

10:00am meeting

Topic: Caregiver support/
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Guest Speaker: Jaime Sharp
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